

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A system for illustrating sound and text comprising:

a book having pages including indicia, at least some of said pages including a magnetic signature;

a book holder adapted to accept said book, said book holder having magnetic switches, a cartridge slot, a reading controller, a speaker, and a power supply; and

a cartridge adapted to be inserted in said cartridge slot, said cartridge including stored audio representations related to said indicia of said pages;

wherein said magnetic switches are operative to detect the absence of said magnetic signature on said pages as they are turned by a user viewing said book, and wherein said reading controller is adapted to interact with said magnetic switches to determine a given page that said user is viewing responsive to said absence of detection between said magnetic switches and said magnetic signature on said given page, and to retrieve audio representations of said indicia stored on said cartridge corresponding to said page or pages being viewed by said user and to reproduce audible sounds relating to said retrieved audio representations of said indicia through said speaker for listening by said user.

2. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein said magnetic signatures are attached to at least some of said pages in a specified location in order to be detected by said magnetic switches.

3. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein said magnetic switches are pre-aligned in said book holder in order to correspond with said magnetic signatures at their specified locations.

4. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein said book holder further comprises a reading surface formed as a substantially flat platform.

5. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein said power supply is communicably coupled to said reading controller and said speaker, said power supply further adapted to control activation and de-activation of said book holder.

6. (previously presented) A method for illustrating sound and text utilizing a book holder including a reading controller, a speaker, and a magnetic signature sensor array with one or more magnetic switches, said book holder adapted to accept a book with pages including illustrations and/or text, at least some of said pages including magnetic signatures, the method comprising:

attaching said magnetic signatures in a specified location on said pages;

creating contact with the specified location of a given magnetic signature on a given page of said pages by utilizing said magnetic switches of said magnetic signature sensor array;

correlating said specified location of said given magnetic signature on said given page with stored audio representations related to said illustrations and/or text of said given page; and

delivering audible sounds corresponding to said stored audio representations via said speaker to accompany the illustrations and/or text on said given page.

7. (previously presented) The method according to claim 6 wherein said attaching step is followed by placing said book on said book holder in a position wherein said magnetic signatures on said pages of said book are properly aligned with said magnetic switches of said magnetic signature sensor array.

8. (previously presented) The method according to claim 7 wherein said placing step is followed by turning said pages of said book in order to view the illustrations and/or text therein.

9. (previously presented) The method according to claim 8 wherein said turning step further includes the step of identifying the illustrations and/or text on said pages utilizing said magnetic signatures attached in specified locations on said pages detected by said magnetic switches of said magnetic signature sensor array.

10. (previously presented) The method according to claim 9 wherein said delivering step is preceded by retrieving the stored audio representations of said illustrations and/or text retrieved corresponding to said page or pages being viewed by said user.

11. (previously presented) The method according to claim 10 wherein said retrieving step is followed by reproducing the stored audio representations of said illustrations and/or text retrieved corresponding to said page or pages being viewed by said user.

12. (previously presented) The method according to claim 6 further comprising downloading a duplicate of electronic equivalent representations stored in a first electronic memory space into a second electronic memory space housed within said book holder.

13. (previously presented) An electronic book reader system for illustrating sound and text comprising:

a reading surface adapted to accept a book with pages, said pages including illustrations and/or text, at least some of said pages including magnetic signatures attached at specific locations;

a book support surface adjoined to one side of said reading surface, said book support surface adapted to support said page or pages viewed by a user;

a magnetic signature sensor array including one or more individualized reading elements operative to move between an opened and closed position in response to the absence or presence of a magnetic signature, said magnetic signature sensor array predisposed to detect and make direct contact with said magnetic signatures on said pages as they are turned by said user in viewing said book;

a reading controller adapted to interact with said magnetic signature sensor in order to determine the given page or pages said user is viewing responsive to said direct contact between said magnetic signatures on the given page or pages and said magnetic signature sensor array; and

a power supply communicably coupled with said reading controller adapted to active and de-activate the functionality of said electronic book reader;

a cartridge slot within said electronic book reader adapted to receive a cartridge including stored audio representations related to said illustrations and/or text of said pages; and

a speaker communicably coupled with said reading controller adapted to deliver said audio representations for listening and reading along with said page or pages viewed by said user;

wherein said reading controller is adapted to retrieve and reproduce said audio representations of said illustrations and/or text stored on said cartridge corresponding to said page or pages being viewed by said user.

14. (previously presented) The system according to claim 13 wherein said reading elements are pre-aligned along said reading surface in order to correspond with said magnetic signatures at their specified locations.

15. (previously presented) The system according to claim 13 wherein said reading surface and said book support surface are substantially flat platforms.

16. (previously presented) The system according to claim 15 wherein said reading surface and said book support surface are adjoined by a means adapted to fold in a manner allowing for both surfaces to meet for easy carrying of said electronic book reader system.

17. (previously presented) The system according to claim 13 wherein said reader further comprises a volume control adapted to control the volume of delivery of said audio representations for enjoyable listening by said user.

18. (previously presented) The system according to claim 13 wherein said power supply is coupled with a Light Emitting Diode (LED) indicator for determining a state of said electronic book reader system.

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25. (previously presented) A device for playing audible sounds comprising:

a plurality of pages, at least some of said pages including a magnetic signature at predetermined locations;

an array of magnetic signature sensors, each of said magnetic signature sensors operative to move between an open and closed position in response to the absence or presence of a magnetic signature, said array of magnetic signature sensors arranged such that at least some of said magnetic signature sensors are associated with the predetermined locations of said magnetic signatures of said plurality of pages;

an audio controller; and,

a speaker, wherein said speaker plays audible sounds in response to instructions provided by said audio controller based on the relative opened and closed positions of said array of magnetic signature sensors.

26. (previously presented) The device of claim 25, wherein said plurality of pages includes at least a first page and a second page, said first page including a magnetic signature at a first location and said second page including a magnetic signature at a second location, and wherein said array of magnetic signature sensors includes a first magnetic signature sensor in direct contact with said first magnetic signature and a second magnetic signature sensor in direct contact with said second magnetic signature when said pages are in a first position.

27. (previously presented) The device of claim 26, wherein said first magnetic signature is not in direct contact with said first magnetic signature sensor and said second magnetic signature sensor is in direct contact with said second magnetic signature sensor when said pages are in a second position.

28. (previously presented) The device of claim 27, wherein the speaker plays different audible sounds when said pages are in said first position from those played when said pages are in said second position in response to instructions provided by said audio controller.

29. (previously presented) The device of claim 25, wherein the speaker plays no audible sound when said array of magnetic signature sensors are each in their open positions.

30. (previously presented) The device of claim 25, wherein said magnetic signature sensors are reed switches.